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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR THE SECRETARY'S OCTOBER 10-11  
VISIT TO LONDON

Classified By: Ambassador Louis B. Susman for reasons 1.4 (b/d).

1. (C//NF) Summary. The Secretary's visit to London comes on the heels of the Labour, Conservative, and Liberal Democrat political party conferences. The UK on Key Issues

2. (S//NF) The Secretary's meetings with PM Gordon Brown and Foreign Secretary David Miliband likely will focus on the following key issues:

- Afghanistan - As the second largest force contributor in Afghanistan, the UK has lost 219 soldiers since operations began in 2001. The up-ti
- Iran - The UK has privately shared with us that it is ready to proceed with designations of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRI
- Pakistan - Because of immigration and economic ties, Pakistan has an important domestic dimension for the UK and will feature in public debs come from the current GBP 655 million (USD 1 billion) already designated for Pakistan aid. British leaders view a secure Pakistan as key to reg
- Northern Ireland - Prime Minister Brown and Northern Ireland Secretary Shaun Woodward will probably ask the Secretary to urge Northern Irele
- Nuclear Non-proliferation - Both PM Brown and FS Miliband welcome U.S. leadership on the global nuclear non-proliferation agenda, including
- Defense Trade Treaty - The PM and FS Miliband may ask about the status of the Defense Trade Treaty and when the Senate will ratify it. U/S T
- Arms Trade Treaty - Miliband frequently raises with senior U.S. interlocutors the possibility of negotiating an ATT. We continue to have dou
- Gary McKinnon Extradition Case - The PM will likely raise with the Secretary (as he has with the Ambassador) the extradition case of Gary Mc

Domestic Politics in Flux in Run-up to Elections

3. (C//NF) The annual political party conferences currently underway have thrust the UK into electoral campaigning mode, with the Labour, Cons the elections about class divisions, highlighting Labour's strong public services record and its economic vision for Britain. At present, the m

4. (C//NF) Conservative leader David Cameron's headline message to the media as the Tory conference began October 5 was about the UK's "twin c

5. (C//NF) In response to the summer 2009 parliamentary expenses scandal, which has alienated some voters from the political class and the mai

6. (C//NF) The UK's relationship with the U.S. has also become a campaign issue. During the fever pitch of UK media reporting on the release c

Overview of UK Economy

7. (U) The UK officially entered recession in the third quarter of 2008 and has suffered a cumulative contraction of 5.7 percent over the last

8. (U) Public debt stands at GBP 800 billion (56.8 percent of GDP), its highest level since records began in 1974, and up from 56.6 percent 1s Visit London's Classified Website: [http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Unit ed\\_Kingdom](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Unit_ed_Kingdom)  
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